

**USDA Rural Development has approved a loan  
of \$2,750,000.00 and a grant of \$1,250,000.00**

Program: Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

State/County: ME/Hancock

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**Project Description:** This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade the waste water treatment facility in the Town of Blue Hill to address immediate needs primarily consisting of replacement of failing equipment, which has reached the end of its useful life. Generators will be added and equipment replaced at the town's two pump stations. The facility was first constructed in 1975 and underwent a major upgrade in 2000. While the plant is currently working well and routinely meeting its effluent discharge license requirements, the equipment at the facility is either 46 years old if original, or 21 years old if part of the upgrade. This raises a concern given that the expected useful life of wastewater treatment process equipment is typically considered to be twenty-years. While the town's waste water treatment plant continues to serve the community well, its age and its location along the shore are valid concerns that should be considered as a high priority.

Loan Term: 28 years

Interest Rate: 2.625%

People Who Will Benefit: 943

Additional Funding: Climate Adaptation Grant: \$1,000,000.00

Total Project Cost: \$5,000,000.00

